

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for cleaning a translucent tube for a discharge lamp having a luminous bulb portion includes the steps of introducing a cleaning fluid from one end of the translucent tube; and allowing the cleaning fluid to flow while bringing the cleaning fluid in contact with at least an inner face of the luminous bulb portion of an inner face of the translucent tube, thereby removing impurities attached on the inner face of the luminous bulb portion.